LEGAL NOTICE

State of New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

MORATORIUM ON THE ENROLLMENT OF INVALID COACH (MAV) PROVIDERS

Take notice that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4D-1 <u>et seq.</u>, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (the Division) will cease, effective November 30, 1998, accepting applications from transportation providers seeking approval to provide invalid coach service, also know as mobility assistance vehicle (MAV) service, in the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare programs.

Prior to November 30, 1998, the Division will <u>only</u> accept applications for invalid coach (MAV) service from companies that hold either a six-month temporary provider permit or a full provider license, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:40-2 <u>et seq.</u>, as issued by the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services.

After November 30, 1998, until further notice, the Division will only accept applications for transfers of ownership for invalid coach (MAV) service.

This action is necessary because of the number of invalid coach (MAV) providers currently enrolled in the Medicaid and the NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs are deemed to be more than adequate to meet the program's needs. A dramatic increase in the number of program-enrolled providers has contributed to significant increases in (a) program costs and (b) incidents of provider fraud and abuse.

This Notice is available for public review at the local Medicaid District Offices and the County Boards of Social Services.

Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing within 30 days to:

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